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DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed on 16 June 2005 have been received and entered. The applicant has incorporated the subject matter of previously objected (allowable subject matter) claims 7, 15 and 22 into independent claims 1, 9 and 17 and correspondingly cancelled claims 7, 15 and 22. Claims 1-6, 8-14, 16-21 and 23 as amended are pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 2. Claims 1-6, 8-14, 16-21 and 23 allowed.
- The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention teaches a method for selectively adjusting the transparency of a displayable object within a user interface using a flashlight tool. Each of the independent claims identify the distinct limitation of operating the flashlight tool to locate the at least one displayable object that meets user selection criteria and positioning the flashlight tool at a location over the at least one displayable object that meets the user selection criteria. The closest prior art, Frank et al. (U.S. Patent 5,651,107), teach receiving a user selection criteria for the flashlight tool such that the flashlight tool is effective on the at least one displayable object that meets the user selection criteria and setting the flashlight tool to be operative on the at least one displayable object that meets the user selection criteria (receiving user selection criteria for the slider bar such as user selecting one window within the z-order of displayed windows, so that the flashlight tool, or slider bar can be manipulated for the selected window to adjust the transparency, as recited in column 2, lines 56 -column 3, line 4 and column 9, lines 4-41 and shown in Figure 8). However, the prior art fails to

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teach operating the flashlight tool to locate the at least one displayable object that meets user selection criteria and positioning the flashlight tool at a location over the at least one displayable object that meets the user selection criteria, and thus fails to anticipate or render the above limitations, when taken with the limitations of the parent claims as a whole, obvious.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ting Zhou whose telephone number is (571) 272-4058. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached at (571) 272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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